This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official

Action dated 25 March 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official

Action, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formally

defined in Claim 3, and Claim 3 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

Additionally, new Claim 4 has been added.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §

103, as being clearly anticipated by Huang, U.S. Patent 6,106,304. The Examiner

stated that Applicant's prior Patent disclosed a cable connector comprising a cable

and a wire extending from a center of an end of the cable; a connector connected

to the end of the cable and a semi-circular plate extending from an end of the

connector, two notches defined in an end surface of the connector and a groove

defined in an inner periphery of the semi-circular plate, and a hooking piece being

pressed in the groove and two ends of the hooking piece extending perpendicularly

beyond two longitudinal sides of the semi-circular plate. With respect to Claim 2,

the Examiner stated that the reference showed the hooking piece having a circular

cross section and each of two ends of the hooking piece having a bent portion

which is formed by bending the hooking pieces outward at a distance from a distal

end of each of two ends of the hooking piece, a distance between two peaks of the

two bent portions being longer than a distance between any two symmetric points

on the hooking piece relative to a symmetric line of the hooking piece.

Page 4 of 6

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's prior Patent (U.S. 6,106,304) is

directed to a cable connecting head for coupling to a circuit board. As clearly

shown in Fig. 2, the U-shaped member 100 includes insertion ends 11 having

distal end portions thereof which are outwardly bent. Nowhere does the reference

disclose the insertion portions being bent to form a peak respectively thereon by

bending the hooking piece outwardly at a distance from a distal portion of the end.

In contradistinction, the insertions 11 are bent outwardly at the distal end. Further,

as there are no peaks formed thereon, a distance between two peaks being greater

than a distance between any two points symmetrically displaced on the hooking

piece relative to a center line is also not present.

As the reference fails to disclose each and every one of the elements of the

invention of the subject Patent Application, as now claimed in Claim 1, it cannot

anticipate that Claim. Additionally, as the reference fails to suggest such a

combination of elements, it cannot make obvious that invention either.

It is respectfully submitted, and clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the reference,

that the U-shaped member 100 is formed from a plate-like stock material, and has

a rectangular cross-sectional contour. Nowhere does the reference disclose or

suggest forming the U-shaped member from a material having a circular cross-

sectional contour. Thus, it is believed that Claim 2 is also patentably distinct.

With respect to new Claim 4, such defines the hooking piece as having a

circular cross-sectional contour and further that each of the two ends of the

Page 5 of 6

MR1917-135

Serial Number: 10/729,952

Reply to Office Action dated 25 March 2004

hooking piece have a portion bent to form a respective peak extending outwardly

therefrom a distance from a distal portion thereof for elastically engaging a circuit

board through corresponding openings therein, a distance between the two peaks

of the two bent portions being greater than a distance between any two points

symmetrically displaced on the hooking piece relative to a center line of the

hooking piece.

Therefore, as the reference fails to disclose each and every one of the

claimed elements, it cannot anticipate Claim 4. Further, as the reference fails to

suggest such a combination of elements, it cannot make obvious that invention

either.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is now believed that the subject Patent

Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is

respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSENBERG, KLEIN & LEE

David I. Klein

Registration #33,253

Date: 22 June 2004

Suite 101

3458 Ellicott Center Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043

(410) 465-6678

Customer No. 04586